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SUBJECT: GOM REQUESTS USG SUPPORT FOR CANDIDATE TO UN HUMAN
RIGHTS COMMITTEE

¶1. Post received the following Diplomatic Note on May 22, 2006, a copy of which has been faxed to NEA/MAG. Unofficial translation begins in paragraph two.

¶2. Begin unofficial translation:

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in Rabat and has the honor to inform the Embassy that the Kingdom of Morocco has officially presented to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the candidacy of ¶M. Driss Belmahi to the position of expert for the Human Rights Committee for the 2007-10 time frame. The elections will be held on September 7, 2006 in New York, on the occasion of the 25th meeting of the States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

The Embassy will find attached the resume of M. Driss Belmahi. His professional qualities and great experience relative to human rights make him a great candidate for the position. (NB: Resume faxed to NEA/MAG and not repeated here.)

¶M. Belmahi is currently Chief Counselor to the Communication, Cooperation and Training Department of the "Diwan Al Madhalim" Institution (Morocco's ombudsman). He has, among others, held several academic positions, and has represented Morocco during several international conferences and meetings relative to human rights.

Given the excellent relations of friendship and cooperation between our two countries, the Moroccan Government would particularly appreciate the support that the Embassy of the United States of America would provide to this candidacy.

Complimentary closing.

End text.

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